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Dear Tribal Leaders and Tribal Colleagues:

In March, I forwarded a letter to all tribal leaders to introduce myself as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at the U.S. Department of Justice. In that letter, I shared with you that one of my primary goals at OJP is to strengthen communication with tribes.

To that end, I established the Justice Programs Council on Native American Affairs (JPCNAA), which coordinates OJP's efforts on behalf of tribes and serves as a liaison with other Department of Justice components on tribal issues. I continue to ensure that my door is open to tribal leaders and tribal representatives, and I have participated in tribal conferences. In July, OJP held a national AMBER Alert conference that focused on bringing AMBER Alert training to tribal communities, including training Native American law enforcement personnel. And, I continue to visit Indian Country to learn first-hand about your concerns. I welcome an invitation to come to your tribal community.

To assist me in raising awareness and providing more focus on these and other tribal endeavors, I have created a new OJP position in my office that is dedicated to working with tribal leaders, national and regional tribal organizations, and tribal communities. Ms. Eugenia Tyner-Dawson is my new Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs and Executive Director of the JPCNAA. She is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and has worked in tribal affairs, for her own tribe, and here in Washington, for more than 22 years. I hope you will take the time to get to know Gena as we strive to improve collaboration and partnerships with all of you.

Please let us know if you are planning to visit the Washington, D.C. area and would like to meet with me or OJP staff. Gena can be reached at 202-307-5933, or you may e-mail her at [Eugenia.Tyner-Dawson@usdoj.gov](mailto:Eugenia.Tyner-Dawson@usdoj.gov).

As always, I invite your input, including concerns, ideas, and suggestions, as we move forward together. Thank you for your commitment to improving the safety of Indian communities.

Sincerely,

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